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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This is not a reply on the merits to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

This Second Information Disclosure Statement is to provide documents listed in the European Search Report dated October 25, 2001 in a counterpart foreign application, which were not previously cited in the subject case. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Please note that JP 2-14056, an English abstract of which is enclosed herewith, is a member of the patent family that includes JP 2599769, which has previously been cited by Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 9, 2000.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

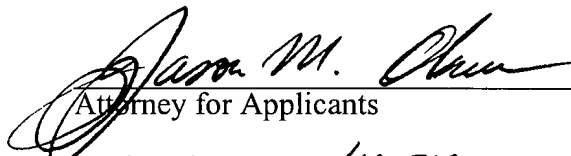
Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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